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In re Application of	:	
Muller et al.	:	
Application No. 09/403192	:	
Filing or 371(c) Date: 01/13/2000	:	ON PETITION
Attorney Docket Number:	:	
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This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 22, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 to the final Office action of August 22, 2006. The proposed reply required for consideration of a petition to revive must be a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2)), an amendment that *prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance, a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") and submission (37 CFR 1.114), or the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b). See MPEP 711.03(c)(III)(A)(2). Accordingly, the date of abandonment of this application is November 23, 2006.

The renewed petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a RCE and fee, and the submission required by 37 CFR 1.114 (the Amendment filed February 25, 2009); (2) the petition fee; and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 1616 for processing of the RCE and for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the amendment submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.114.

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